

April 7, 2009

TO: Members of the MAG Management Committee

FROM: Charlie McClendon, Avondale, Chair

SUBJECT: **REVISED MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA**

Wednesday, April 8, 2009 - 12:00 noon
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

The next Management Committee meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. Members of the Management Committee may attend the meeting either in person, by videoconference or by telephone conference call. The agenda and summaries are being transmitted to the members of the Regional Council to foster increased dialogue regarding the agenda items between members of the Management Committee and Regional Council. You are encouraged to review the supporting information enclosed. Lunch will be provided at a nominal cost.

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Members are reminded of the importance of attendance by yourself or a proxy. Any time that a quorum is not present, we cannot conduct the meeting. Please set aside sufficient time for the meeting, and for all matters to be reviewed and acted upon by the Management Committee. Your presence and vote count.

c: MAG Regional Council

**MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
REVISED TENTATIVE AGENDA
April 8, 2009**

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Call to the Audience

An opportunity is provided to the public to address the Management Committee on items that are not on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of MAG, or non-action agenda items that are on the agenda for discussion or information only. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Management Committee requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard.

4. Executive Director's Report

The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Management Committee on activities of general interest.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Committee members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk (*).

3. Information.

4. Information and discussion.

5. Recommend approval of the Consent Agenda.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

MINUTES

*5A. Approval of March 11, 2009, Meeting Minutes

5A. Review and approval of the March 11, 2009, meeting minutes.

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

*5B. Update to the Arterial Life Cycle Program Policies and Procedures

The Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) Policies and Procedures approved by the MAG Regional Council on December 19, 2007, require revisions, which include refinements to policies on the Regional Area Road Fund (RARF) Closeout Process, the addition of substitute projects, and the amendment or termination of signed and effective Project Agreements. Other minor technical refinements are also included. The ALCP Working Group met on November 17, 2008 and January 9, 2009, to discuss the revisions and continued the discussion and refinement process via e-mail. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5C. Arterial Life Cycle Program Status Report

A Status Report on the Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) is provided for the period between October 2008 and March 2009 and includes an update on ALCP Project work, the remaining FY 2009 ALCP schedule, and ALCP revenues and finances. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5D. Section 5310 Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Transportation Program Priority Listing of Applicants

On March 20, 2009, the MAG Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Program Ad Hoc Committee developed a priority listing for the applications received for FTA Section 5310 funding. FTA provides these funds to the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) for capital assistance to agencies and public bodies that provide transportation services for people who are elderly and for people who have a disability. This year, 13 applications were submitted for capital assistance awards. Twenty-three van requests and two mobility manager requests were received and considered by the Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5B. Recommend approval of the proposed changes to the previously approved December 19, 2007, ALCP Policies and Procedures.

5C. Information and discussion.

5D. Recommend forwarding the priority listing of applicants for FTA Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Program to the Arizona Department of Transportation.

*5E. Regional Community Network Reporting Structure

The Regional Community Network (RCN) is a fiber optic communications network that, when completed, would connect all MAG member agencies for the primary purpose of coordinating traffic control operations between neighboring agencies. The first phase of the project is currently being implemented by Arizona Department of Transportation through an Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) project in the FY 2008 MAG Work Program. The RCN Working Group, consisting of agencies represented on the ITS Committee and Technology Advisory Group (TAG) have recommended the establishment of a reporting structure for future oversight and management of this regional communications system. The attached document describes a proposed reporting structure for the RCN that is based on the regional emergency 9-1-1 system, which is a similar regional system that was also developed by MAG and is overseen by the MAG 9-1-1 Oversight Team. This structure has been recommended for adoption by the ITS and TAG Committees and approval by Transportation Review Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5F. ADOT Red Letter Process

In June of 1996, the MAG Regional Council approved the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Red Letter process, which requires MAG member agencies to notify ADOT of potential development activities in freeway alignments. Development activities include actions on plans, zoning and permits. ADOT has forwarded a list of notifications from July 1, 2008, to December 31, 2008. Of the 254 notices received, 92 had an impact to the State Highway System. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5E. Recommend approval of the Regional Community Network reporting structure.

5F. Information and discussion.

AIR QUALITY ITEMS***5G. Conformity Consultation**

The Maricopa Association of Governments is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment and administrative modification to the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The proposed amendment and administrative modification involve several projects, including two FY 2009 paving projects from the City of Phoenix that require cost and scope changes. In addition, it is anticipated that member agency projects for the distribution of the MAG sub-allocated portion of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds may be submitted to MAG by April 3, 2009. As a result, MAG may conduct consultation on a conformity assessment for any projects that are submitted for ARRA funding for a proposed amendment and/or administrative modification to the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program. The amendment includes projects that may be categorized as exempt from conformity determinations. The administrative modification includes minor project revisions that do not require a conformity determination. Please refer to the enclosed material.

***5H. Consultant Selection for the MAG Air Quality Technical Assistance On-Call Services Request for Qualifications**

The FY 2009 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget includes potential consultant assistance for air quality planning and modeling activities. Consultant services may be needed to assist MAG with supplemental analyses for the MAG Five Percent Plan for PM-10, Eight-Hour Ozone Plan, Conformity Analysis, and Evaluation of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Projects. A request for qualifications was advertised on January 15, 2009 for technical assistance including air quality modeling, conformity, CMAQ evaluation, and the development of regional air quality plans. Eleven

5G. Consultation.

5H. Recommend approval of the following firms for the Air Quality Technical Assistance On-Call Services for an amount not to exceed \$280,000: (1) ENVIRON be qualified in Air Quality Modeling, Air Quality Monitoring and Meteorology, Surveys and Emissions Inventories, Analysis of Control Measures, Implementation and Tracking of Control Measures, Statistical Analysis of Data, Air Quality Plan Preparation, CMAQ Evaluation Methodologies, and Transportation Conformity; (2) Sierra Research be qualified in Air Quality Modeling, Surveys and Emissions Inventories, Analysis of Control Measures, Implementation and Tracking of Control Measures, Statistical Analysis of Data, Air Quality Plan Preparation, CMAQ Evaluation Methodologies, and Transportation Conformity; (3) Sonoma Technology be qualified

proposals were received by the February 17, 2009, deadline. On February 27, 2009, the consensus of the agency staff on the multi-jurisdictional evaluation team was to recommend consultants to MAG to perform the technical assistance. Please refer to the enclosed material.

in Air Quality Modeling, Air Quality Monitoring and Meteorology, Surveys and Emissions Inventories, Analysis of Control Measures, Implementation and Tracking of Control Measures, Statistical Analysis of Data, Remote Sensing, Air Quality Plan Preparation, CMAQ Evaluation Methodologies, and Transportation Conformity; (4) Technical & Business Systems be qualified in Air Quality Modeling, Air Quality Monitoring and Meteorology, Analysis of Control Measures, Statistical Analysis of Data, Remote Sensing, and Air Quality Plan Preparation; and (5) Traffic Research & Analysis be qualified in Surveys and Emissions Inventories.

GENERAL ITEMS

*5I. Discussion and Update on the Draft FY 2010 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

Each year, the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget is developed incrementally in conjunction with member agency and public input. The Work Program is reviewed each year in April by the federal agencies and approved by the Regional Council in May. Since the budget presentation in March, there have been no significant changes to the draft budget. The Intermodal Planning Group meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2009 and any recommendations from that review, as well as any other significant budget revisions, will be brought to the May Management Committee meeting.

5I. Information and discussion.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

6. Status of Local Sponsored Federal Funded Projects

MAG staff will provide member agencies with an update on the status of local sponsored federal funded projects for FY 2009 and FY 2010 projects. Please refer to the enclosed material.

6. Information and discussion.

7. Update on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009: ADOT Portion, MAG Sub-Allocation, and MAG Region Transit Funds

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 was signed by President Obama on February 17, 2009. The Act directs transportation infrastructure funds to both highways and transit agencies in states and metropolitan planning organizations. On March 25, 2009, the MAG Regional Council approved the necessary Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) project changes for ADOT-led freeway projects and MAG regional transit projects that are programmed with ARRA funds. At the same meeting, the MAG Regional Council approved a member agency allocation for the distribution of the MAG sub-allocated portion of the ARRA funds, with four stipulations related to defining projects, technical MAG processes, and obligation deadlines. An update will be provided regarding project development for the MAG sub-allocated transportation ARRA funds, the status of the highway and transit funded ARRA projects, and any new developments.

8. Project Changes—Amendment and Administrative Modification to the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and FY 2009 Arterial Life Cycle Program, Including Funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

The FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) 2007 Update were approved by the MAG Regional Council on July 25, 2007, and the FY 2009 Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) was approved by Regional Council on June 25, 2008. Since that time, there have been requests from member agencies to modify projects in the programs. The proposed amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2008-2012 TIP and FY 2009 ALCP are listed in Table A. These include changing funding amounts on two paving dirt road projects in Phoenix, changing funding type and amounts for projects related to

7. Information and discussion.

8. Recommend approval of amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program, the FY 2009 Arterial Life Cycle Program and as appropriate, to the Regional Transportation Plan 2007 Update as shown in the attached tables.

Beardsley Road, and the deferral of design and right of way work on Northern Parkway.

On March 25, 2009, the MAG Regional Council approved a member agency allocation for the distribution of the MAG sub-allocated portion of the ARRA funds with a requirement that projects are defined and submitted to MAG by April 3, 2009. The projects submitted for the use of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act sub-allocated funds will be reviewed and compiled for the necessary TIP amendments and modifications the week of April 6, 2009. This information will be transmitted in Table B to the MAG Management Committee in a separate mailing prior to the meeting, if available, or it will be provided at the meeting. Please refer to the enclosed material.

9. Proposed Amendment to Add Stage One of the Phoenix Sky Harbor Automated Train System (Sky Train) to the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and MAG Regional Transportation Plan 2007 Update and Inclusion of Stage Two of the Phoenix Sky Harbor Automated Train System (Sky Train) in the MAG Regional Transportation Plan 2007 Update as an Illustrative Project

The City of Phoenix is requesting that Stage One of the automated people mover project be added in an amendment to the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and MAG Regional Transportation Plan 2007 Update. The Phoenix Sky Train project is a fully automated, grade separated transit system that will connect the major facilities at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport with the METRO light rail system. The City of Phoenix is requesting that Stage Two be added to the Regional Transportation Plan 2007 Update as an illustrative project. Stage Two is currently planned to link the remaining terminals and the Rental Car Center by 2020. Phoenix has been reviewing a federal credit program called the Transportation Infrastructure Financing Innovation Act of 1998 (TIFIA) for this portion of the project costing \$200 million. The

9. Recommend approval of a proposed amendment to add Stage One of the Phoenix Sky Harbor Automated Train System (Sky Train) to the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and MAG Regional Transportation Plan 2007 Update for the necessary air quality conformity analysis, and to include Stage Two of the Phoenix Sky Harbor Automated Train System (Sky Train) in the MAG Regional Transportation Plan 2007 Update as an illustrative project.

funds would be used by Phoenix to accelerate a portion of Stage Two of the project to Terminals 2 and 3 so all passenger terminals are connected by 2013. In addition to the discretionary grant funds, the project would be financed by bonds paid by passenger facility charges – fees that airlines at Sky Harbor pay – and other airport revenues. Please refer to the enclosed material.

GENERAL ITEMS

10. Legislative Update

An update will be provided on legislative issues of interest.

11. Comments from the Committee

An opportunity will be provided for Management Committee members to present a brief summary of current events. The Management Committee is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

10. Information, discussion and possible action.

11. Information.